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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Pronghorn Born at the El Paso Zoo**

Zoo welcomes endangered Peninsular pronghorn fawn Valentina

**EL PASO, Texas** – The El Paso Zoo has welcomed a female fawn to its herd of Peninsular pronghorn antelope.

Valentina weighed-in at approximately 7 pounds when she was born on exhibit May 13 to parents Martina and Tabasco. Martina has birthed several fawns.

"Martina has always been a great mom. She was even willing to nurse her sister's babies in the past," said El Paso Zoo Keeper Tracy Sipes. "She is very attentive to her new fawn, Valentina."

The birth is part of a breeding recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan® (SSP) to aid in the species' conservation. Peninsular pronghorn are currently listed as "critically endangered" in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This makes this species one category before "extinct."

The fastest land animal in North America, pronghorns can run at speeds close to 60 miles per hour. Already steady on her hooves, Valentina can be seen on exhibit running around with the rest of the pronghorn herd when guests visit the Zoo.

**Videos of Valentina standing for the first time are available for download: <http://bit.ly/1WHmhCi>**

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